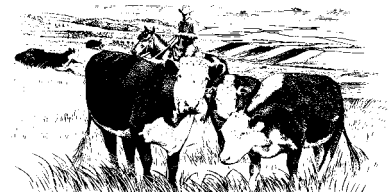


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## NATIONAL LIVESTOCK REPORTS RELEASE DATES

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Sept 19	Cattle on Feed	Oct. 17	Cattle on Feed
19	Cold Storage	20	Cold Storage
26	Livestock Slaughter	24	Livestock Slaughter
26	Trout	29	Catfish
26	Hogs & Pigs		

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in California feedlots totaled 380 thousand head on August 1, 1997, down 3 percent from last month, but up 10 percent from a year earlier. During July, placements of 45.0 thousand head were down 10 percent from a year earlier. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were up 11 percent from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 16 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.79 million head on August 1, 1997. The inventory was 16 percent above August 1, 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.00 million, 14 percent above 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 379 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 644 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 612 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.11 million, 6 percent above 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 57.0 thousand during July, 8 percent below the previous year.

## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 MONTHLY STATES UP 19 PERCENT

Cattle on feed in the historic 7 states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 7.56 million on August 1, 1997. This was up 19 percent from the previous year and up 2 percent from August 1, 1995.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 18 percent above 1996 and 25 percent above 1995.

Marketings during July totaled 1.83 million, 9 percent above 1996 and 8 percent above 1995.

Other disappearance during July was 42.0 thousand head, 9 percent below 1996 and 14 percent below 1995.

## CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN 7 SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1996	1997
	----- Thousand Head -----						
Arizona	173	189	109	41	26	37	38
California	345	390	113	50	45	45	50
Colorado	750	920	123	145	235	230	230
Iowa	250	280	112	32	45	56	54
Kansas	1,690	1,960	116	495	570	470	520
Nebraska	1,280	1,540	120	310	370	370	400
Texas	2,090	2,400	115	410	460	470	540
Total 7 States	6,578	7,679	117	1,483	1,751	1,678	1,832
State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number on Feed August 1			1997/1996	
	1996	1997	1996	1997			
	----- Thousand Head -----					Percent	
Arizona	---	1	177	176	99		
California	5	5	345	380	110		
Colorado	5	5	660	920	139		
Iowa	1	1	225	270	120		
Kansas	15	10	1,700	2,000	118		
Nebraska	10	10	1,210	1,500	124		
Texas	10	10	2,020	2,310	114		
Total 7 States	46	42	6,337	7,556	119		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during July 1997 totaled 87.6 million pounds (dressed weight), 5 percent above last month, but 1 percent below July 1996. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July, the average live weight for slaughter was as follows: cattle, 1,244 pounds; calves, 355 pounds; hogs, 209 pounds.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.66 billion pounds during July. This production was up 2 percent from the record high set in 1996.

July 1996 and July 1997 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef Production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from the record high set in 1996. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.18 million head, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The average live weight, at 1,178 pounds, was up 15 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 27.0 million pounds, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 133.9 thousand head, down 17 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was up 3 pounds to 336 pounds.

Pork production, at 1.35 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.31 million head, just below a year earlier. The average live weight, at 253 pounds, was up 2 pounds from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 20.0 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Sheep slaughter totaled 306.3 thousand head, 6 percent below the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds to 134 pounds.

January-July red meat production was 24.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated production was as follows: beef, down 2 percent; veal, down 9 percent; pork, down 2 percent; lamb and mutton, down 4 percent.



## COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 1996-97 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
<b>CATTLE</b>	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
California	85.3	87.9	104,848	109,410	1,229	1,244
U.S.	3,149.0	3,183.4	3,662,968	3,749,903	1,163	1,178
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	27.4	16.9	9,759	6,021	357	355
U.S.	160.6	133.9	53,504	45,007	333	336
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	326.7	306.3	40,758	41,090	125	134
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	163.9	159.2	35,214	33,198	215	209
U.S.	7,340.6	7,309.3	1,839,122	1,846,504	251	253
<b>RED MEAT</b>	July 1996	June 1997	July 1997	July 97 July 96	July 97 June 97	
	- - - Million Pounds - -			- - Percent - -		
	88.2	83.7	87.6	99	105	
U.S. 2/	3,587.1	3,492.5	3,657.6	102	105	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised total for June 1997.

**FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

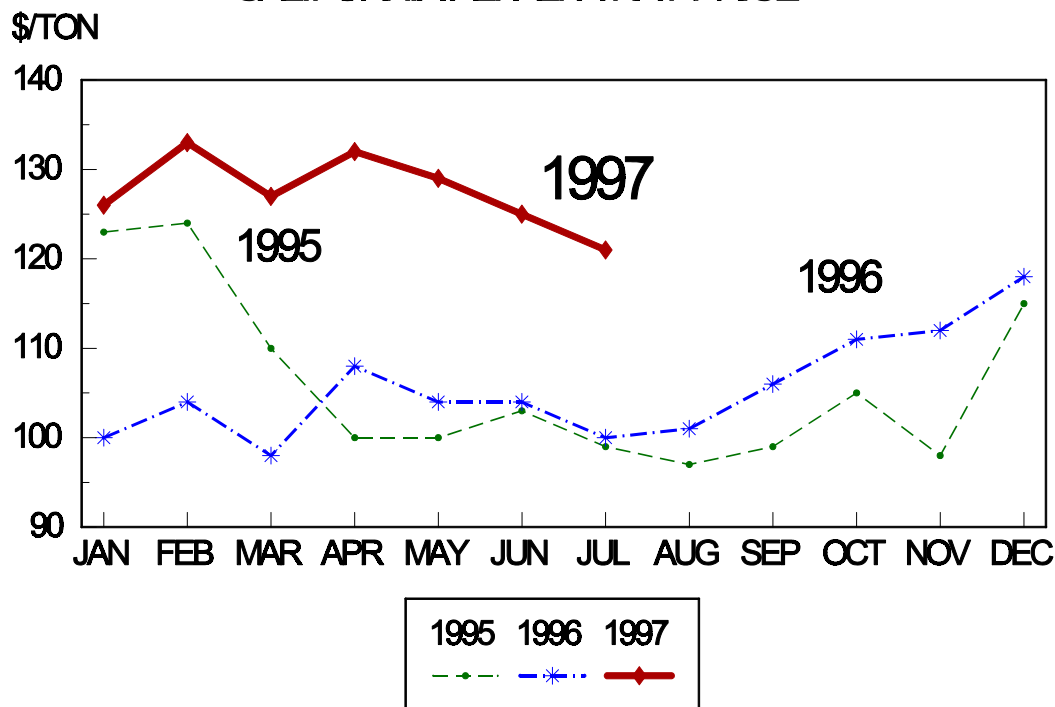
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 1996	June 1997	July 15, 1997	July 1996	June 1997	July 15, 1997
		----- Dollars -----					
All Hay, Baled <u>2</u> /	Ton	98.00	123.00	120.00	89.40	108.00	98.40
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2</u> /	Ton	100.00	125.00	121.00	92.90	115.00	106.00
Hogs <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	---	---	---	58.60	57.80	59.00
Cows <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	32.00	34.00	36.00	31.00	37.50	38.10
Steers and Heifers <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	53.00	62.50	61.50	62.10	64.90	65.30
Calves <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	53.00	69.00	71.00	56.80	85.40	86.60
Lambs <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	100.00	91.00	87.00	98.30	86.60	---
Milk Cows <u>3</u> /	Head	1,230.00	---	1,240.00	1,090.00	---	1,100.00
All Milk Wholesale <u>2</u> /	Cwt.	13.99	11.49	11.50	15.40	12.40	12.30

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

**CALIFORNIA ALFALFA HAY PRICE**



## FARM NUMBERS UP 2 PERCENT

In 1997, an estimated 84.0 thousand farms operated on 30.0 million acres in California. The average farm size is 357 acres. The number of farms was up 2 percent, but the land in farms was unchanged from last year.

The number of farms in the United States in 1997 is 2.06 million, down less than 1 percent from 1996. Total land in farms is 968 million acres, also down fractionally from last year. This decline in farm numbers and land in farms continues to follow historical trends. The average U.S. farm size, at 470 acres, was unchanged from 1996. Estimates for the number of farms and land in farms refer to June 1.

### NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES, 1995-97 <sup>1/</sup>

State and Item		1995	1996	1997 <sup>2/</sup>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	No. of Farms	80,000	82,000	84,000
	Land in Farms (Acres)	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	375	366	357
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	No. of Farms	2,071,520	2,063,910	2,058,910
	Land in Farms (Acres)	972,253,000	970,048,000	968,338,000
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	469	470	470

<sup>1/</sup> A farm is a place that sells or normally would sell \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. Includes places with five or more horses, regardless of sales. Excludes boarding stables and racetracks.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary.